



## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MMB Docket No. **1671-0281**

J&J Reference: **DEP5038USNP**

Group Art Unit: **3732**

In re patent application of: **Keeven et al.**

Examiner: **Annette R. Reimers**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	20	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0 X 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

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- \* A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time.
- \* Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, please enter the following amendment: